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Rev A A Phelps

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Presuming I shall see you no more on earth I bid you an affectionate farewell - in the full confidence, that for you to see well be gone - and that you will soon know what it is, to walk the streets of the new Jerusalem and sing the song of Moses & Lamb —

Yours very truly

John Gulliver

P.S Mrs Gulliver wishes her very kind regards to you & Mrs. Phelps

Boston July 13th 1849

Rev A. A. Phelps

Dear Sir

38 I was told that a letter was rec'd in town yesterday saying that you were failing very fast — and not having an opportunity of seeing you when you were here, as I intended — I feel constrained to address you by letter — Not that I would presume to say any thing by way of instruction — but to express my deep sympathy with you & your family in your trials — and to remind you of the kindness of him whose love for us was stronger than death — and who so tenderly said to his disciples let not your hearts be troubled — ye believe in God believe also in me — in my fathers house are many mansions — if it were not so I would have told you — I go to prepare a place for you — and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to myself — that where I am there ye may be also — — — I trust you can feel that this is in part addressed to you — and that while you are passing through the dark valley of the shadow of death — you are leaning on the arm of the good shepherd, and that his rod & his staff support you — and that you will soon know what it is, to have him come again and receive you to himself —

O! what a Savior we have! — He is indeed the chiefest among ten thousand and the one altogether lovely — — He is so to those who are in the full vigor & active life — but how much more so, to those whose strength is failing & who are soon to lay down upon a dying bed — but I doubt not — soon will find that Jesus can make a dying bed feel soft as downy pillows are — while on his breast you lay your head and breath your life out sweetly there —

I think of you with great affection & esteem as my former Pastor — and trust you are soon to be rec'd into the society and blessedness of your others, to whom I have sustained the same relation, Mr Huntington Mr Green Mr Wisner & Mr Fitch — and remembering as we do with gratitude, the cordial welcome you gave Mrs G & myself to your home on earth, our earnest prayer is that you may not only receive an equally hearty welcome from our former Pastors — but from the saints of all ages and the Savior himself to your heavenly home